

Another Pope.
Smile Week.
Worse Than War.
Who Shot—Man or Woman?
By ARTHUR BRISBANE
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Cardinal Ratti becomes Pope under the title of Pius XI. His photograph shows a strong, thoughtful face, with a high forehead, a most serious expression. Upon him falls a burden that the popes have carried for centuries—almost two thousand years. Their influence reaches into every corner of the earth, into ice houses in the North, mud huts on the Equator. They must understand not one nation, but the whole world. And, above all, they must know what NOT to do.

This is "smile week." Had you heard of it? Smiling is good, but, like frowning, can be overdone. It is always "smile week" in the idiot asylum.

You can't smile much with your teeth set tight together, and except with the teeth set tight there is no concentrated thinking. Open your mouth and you will observe that thought stops. You might remember that in "smile week."

When the snow melts on the Russian steppes, hundreds of thousands of skeletons—horses, cattle, men, women and children—will be seen. The peasants, wandering away from starvation, have dropped by the road in thousands. War is bad enough, but it no longer kills women and children. They are left to carry on the race. Too drastic government experiment, as seen in Russia, produces the war of hunger that spares no one.

A moving picture man is shot in California. Millions that have seen pictures made by him ask:

"Who shot him, man or woman?"

The dead man was shot in the back, therefore, man probably did the shooting. When women get ready to shoot, all caution leaves them. They would shoot a man from in front as quickly as from the rear, more quickly, in fact, for they would want the gentleman to know that they were shooting. Men shoot from calculation, women from impulse. This is why furies are wise in freeing women murderers more often than men.

Mr. W. L. George, from England, wrapped in a blue dress and with red spots, tells Chicago reporters that modern women, "including some in Chicago," think that morality is dandy and want to be thought "fast."

Mr. George and other travelers, also local wise men, write of the women, knowing nothing about them. They see some poor wisp of a thing in a hotel lobby, wrapped in a fur coat, using big, roving eyes, and they say, "that is the girl of the country." In reality it is the girl of the hotel lobby. And they don't know it.

The Washington conference ends. The New York Times remarks that Japan got the most out of it. Japan did get a good deal. She seems to have learned from England how to produce and train statesmen.

England did fairly well, and did exactly what this and other newspaper columns said she would do. She organized a three-cornered alliance—England, the United States, and Japan, with France a rather sulky outside fourth.

Japan comes out ruler of Asia and probably will use her power to protect England's gigantic Asiatic interests. The United States appears as general underwriter and easy mark. China got nothing. She is used to that.

Ladies and gentlemen with leisure discuss the question: "Should a Married Woman Keep Her Maiden Name?"

They ought to ask the diffident bridegroom of Schwab's after-dinner story.

Told to "salute" his bride after the ceremony, the young man does her and said: "I don't know how to say it. Marriage is meant to make two people one, as nearly as possible."

Each marriage, if successful, is a link in the chain that helps along civilization. It doesn't matter much whether it is the woman's or the man's name—one-ness is the point. Are the daughters to have the mothers' names and the sons the fathers' names. That would cause much foolishness. It is hard enough to make marriage a success in the old way, without, trying complications.

One lesson that everybody should learn is TO SELL WHILE YOU CAN SELL. The Cubans held on to their sugar too long; it nearly bankrupted them. The farmers held on to their grain too long; look at them.

In the Argentine, cattle and grain were held back for higher prices that "must come." They didn't come and the Argentine Republic faces a dangerous crisis.

To hold goods too long is like holding your breath too long—you get red in the face, gain nothing, and have to breathe harder afterwards.

THEATER TRUSS VARIED FROM PLANS, JURY TOLD

Sands, Film Suspect, Located

DEPUTIES FIND TRAIL IN NEVADA

Former Valet to Taylor Believed Barricaded in House With Companion.

CARLIN, Nev., Feb. 7.—No arrest has been made as yet by Constable A. H. Berning in response to telegraphic instructions from Los Angeles to take into custody a man suspected of being Edward F. Sands, sought in connection with the slaying of William D. Taylor.

Constable Berning said he would act during the day, after further investigation. The suspect is not in Carlin, but is now at a point six miles distant from here, Constable Berning revealed.

By International News Service.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7.—A man believed to be Edward F. Sands, missing valet, suspected of the murder of William Desmond Taylor, slain Los Angeles film director, was reported today to be barricaded in a house near Carlin, Nev.

Deputies Surround House.

Surrounded by deputy sheriffs under the personal direction of the Nevada sheriff, the suspect and a male companion remained in their rooms from an early hour yesterday afternoon, apparently seeking to escape recognition, it was believed.

Sheriff Harris told the International News Service over the long-distance telephone today that he would keep his men on guard and that he probably would arrest the murder suspect shortly.

Warrant Charges Murder.

Police here, in dispatches to the Nevada town, state that the former employee's arrest is sought on a felony warrant, charging murder.

First intimation that the suspect had been located in Nevada was received late last night by long distance. A telegraph warrant immediately was wired to the Carlin constable with a complete description of Sands. This was followed by another message to Sheriff Harris, of Elko county, Nevada, stating that the Los Angeles police "hold a felony warrant for murder for E. F. Sands."

Reports here were that a man who answered Sands' description had appeared in Carlin a few days after the film director had been murdered in his Alhambra street home. This man's actions are said to have aroused the suspicions of the Carlin officers. A confederate appeared to be with the suspect, who remained in seclusion as much as possible. Officers today were awaiting word that Sands had been taken into custody.

Rich New Yorker Located.

It was learned early today that the prominent young New Yorker, who had been mentioned frequently in connection with the murder, was a complete alibi regarding his actions on the night the murder was committed.

No further police action along this angle of investigation was taken other than to verify the theory that this man may have had any connection with the tragedy had been entirely eliminated and then set to work on hitherto unproved phases of the sensational mystery.

Woman Definitely Implicated.

From various authentic sources in high circles of the industry, detectives today gleaned information that confirms theories held from the beginning that some



Widow of Murdered Motion Picture Director

PASTOR FLAYS DIVORCE GANG IN ALEXANDRIA

Declares Tricksters Are a Composition of Unscrupulous Persons.

By HARVEY L. COBB.

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Characterizing Alexandria's divorce ring as being a composition of "unscrupulous persons of low moral tone who have brought shame and disgrace to their city," the Rev. Percy Foster Hall, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, today declared relentless warfare on the East of its evil.

Light Pitilessly Floods Streets.

"For Alexandria this must be a day of judgment," Dr. Hall declared. "The light is pitilessly flooding our streets, and how is Alexandria to stare herself from this scandal?"

"Well-informed Alexandrians have known that their city, with all its honorable and beautiful ancient history, has for a long time been used by light-minded people from without, assisted by unscrupulous persons of low moral tone from within, to accomplish ends that are hostile to the welfare of the city and the nation."

"You Alexandrians know this," Dr. Hall declared to his congregation, "and there has been some effort to check the evil, but it has been considered nobody's business, because it was everybody's business."

Plays Sordid Press.

The local press of the Little Reno, which has profited in proportion to the divorce ring, through the publication of divorce notices, carrying thousands of dollars' worth of paid advertising, was criticised by Dr. Hall for its refusal to take up the fight for law and order.

"Our local press has not made any protest," he said, "no mass meeting has been called, but I repeat that, for Alexandria, the day of judgment is here."

"Unless our city can find a way to purge itself from this scandal, how can she hold up her head again? Must she not forever face the world with a confession and an apology? Our flourishing churches cannot justify, your honorable history cannot justify, for the weightier matter."

15 TRAPPED BY WALL IN HOTEL FIRE

Richmond Department Trying To Reach Bodies—Thirty Guests Severely Burned.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 7.—Blocked in the work of recovering bodies of victims in the ruins of the Lexington Hotel, firemen this morning were engaged in tearing down a threatening wall to enable them to reach for twelve to fifteen guests believed to have perished in the flames.

Thirty Seriously Burned.

Thirty injured, many with severe burns, have filled the Virginia and Memorial hospitals.

Three known dead have been identified as H. F. Austin, of Fincastle, Va.; M. J. Fox, of Williamsport, Pa.; and C. M. Thomas, sheriff of Albemarle county, Va., originally believed to have been A. Johnson, of Charlottesville, Va.

The register of the hotel was not saved, and authorities are without exact information as to the total number of guests listed at the hotel last night. A list containing the names of guests on Sunday has been obtained, however, and is being used as a basis of identifying those being recovered from the ruins.

The fire was one of the most disastrous which had occurred in the State of Virginia in a score of years. The origin of the fire had not been determined this morning, and police expressed the belief that it would be impossible to learn the cause of the blaze. The first alarm was turned in by a night clerk of the hotel shortly after 4 o'clock. The flames were spreading rapidly when firemen arrived, and men and women who were asleep in the hotel rose terrified from their beds to find the blaze about them.

The hotel was a five-story brick building, located at Twelfth and Maine streets, and had 250 rooms. Police estimated the damage at \$500,000.

The injured include: William O. Bailey, New York city, severely burned about hands and face; William P. Little, Portsmouth, Va., broken leg; Paul Bigone, New York city, fractured hip.

Extends to Buildings.

Austin, one of the dead, had been in Richmond to attend the execution this morning of Edmund Thompson, colored youth, sentenced to death for implication in the killing of a relative of Austin in Fincastle.

The blaze damaged adjoining buildings, including the Savings Bank of Richmond, the Branch Bank of the City, and the Produce Exchange, located in the rear of the hotel.

The Lexington was one of the last of the old hotels of Richmond, being a four-story structure of old-fashioned design, built in the '80's.



Coroner's Jury Just Before Inquest

NEW POPE WON'T LET CARDINALS KISS HIS FEET

Pius XI Introduces Democracy at Vatican, Banning Ancient Ceremonial.

ROME, Feb. 7.—Pope Pius XI, who comes from the ranks of the "common people," is very democratic in his behavior. According to the newspaper Il Messaggero today, the new pontiff refused to permit the Cardinals to kneel and kiss his feet when they approached him to pay their respects after his election.

By FRANK E. MASON.

International News Service.

ROME, Feb. 7.—Pope Pius XI will not only continue the policy of the late Pope Benedict XV for reconciliation between the Vatican and the Italian state, but also will lend the powerful assistance of the papacy toward the reconstruction of war-torn Europe, it was learned today from an authoritative source.

That the selection of the former archbishop of Milan for the chair of St. Peter was a popular one is attested by the flood of congratulatory messages that are pouring into the Vatican from all parts of the world.

The coronation will take place on Sunday, it being the tradition of the Roman church to conduct the coronation on the first holiday following the papal election in the conclave of cardinals.

The ceremonies will take place in St. Peter's and the Sistine chapel. There was keen disappointment that Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston, arrived just too late to participate in the final ballot of the conclave. The American cardinal entered the conclave at 2:40 o'clock Monday afternoon and was received by Cardinal Gasparri. The conclave was not officially dissolved until 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

It was reported by the newspaper La Tribuna that Cardinal O'Connell brought \$2,000,000, representing American contributions to St. Peter's.

Cardinal Daugherty, of Philadelphia, and Cardinal Begin, of Quebec, are due on Friday. They will be in time to take part in the coronation rites.

Cardinal Gasparri has been reappointed papal secretary of state. He has been regarded as the chief leader of the so-called "peace party" in the Sacred College, which desires reconciliation with the Quirinal.

9 INCHES CHANGE IN SIZE, SAYS R. H. DAVIS

D. C. Engineer-Computer Declares Inspection at Fault in Knickerbocker Building.

Plans of the Knickerbocker Theater submitted to and approved by the District building inspector's office do not agree with the actual construction, and an investigation now in progress shows several discrepancies in construction.

This was the testimony of Robert H. Davis, engineer and computer for the District, who was one of the star witnesses this morning when Dr. J. Ramsay Nevitt opened the coroner's inquest in the board room of the District building.

"My office has checked the plans, and we have found that the trusses are of a different height than those called for and some of the members are different from those in the plans," declared Davis.

Davis cited to the coroner's jury several instances in which discrepancies were found. He cited in particular that the main truss differed nine inches from that provided for in the plans.

In his testimony, however, Davis did not advance the opinion that these discrepancies may have caused the cave-in of the theater roof.

Davis, who for the past week has been engaged in a close inspection of the plans, told the committee he had not yet formed an opinion as to what caused the collapse.

"I have found several weak spots in the construction of the Knickerbocker, but as yet there is not one of these weak spots on which I can lay my hands and say that it caused the roof collapse," he testified.

Inspection At Fault.

Dr. Nevitt and Major Peyton Gordon, United States District Attorney, who sat at Nevitt's side during the hearing, questioned Davis as to the inspection of the building, and whether the differences in the plans and actual construction should have been discovered by an inspector.

"With adequate inspection these discrepancies should have been found," declared Davis.

Davis said that when the plans were submitted there were no actual dimensions given for the structural work. "If made it necessary, he said, for the dimensions to be determined from the scales."

"In scaling and checking up I found discrepancies," said Davis.

He further testified that it was unusual for a permit to be issued when the dimensions of the structural work had not been submitted. He gave further information as to how permits were granted and how inspections were made.

J. E. Donaldson, an iron worker for more than thirty years, of 1063 Potomac street, who worked on the Knickerbocker Theater during its course of construction, declared that he felt certain that beams were placed in the building without sufficient support.

"Two beams that were placed over the stage each had but a two-inch hold in the wall," testified Donaldson. "At the time I told a fellow workman that just as soon as I got my money that I intended to return to work on the building."

"Why," he asked, I told him that I felt that those beams would tear the wall down." Donaldson said that later in the day he was taken off the job, given his money and told his services no longer were needed. Donaldson told the coroner's jury that a man named Wallace, one of the foremen, had laughed at him when he had stated he feared the beams and walls would fall.

The unseating of the main truss support of the roof from its lintel in the Columbia road wall of the theater was responsible for the disaster, according to testimony by Major Cary H. Brown, of the United States engineer corps, and Assistant Engineer Commissioner of the District.

"But just what caused the main truss to become unseated from the lintel, I am unable to say," continued Major Brown. "I have formed no opinion as to what caused the truss leaving the lintel. I do not



REGINALD W. GEARE, Knickerbocker Architect

HARDING HOPES TO GIVE SENATE TREATIES SOON

Friends Urge President Personally to Present Pacts to Weaken Opposition.

By International News Service.

President Harding "hopes" to be able to send the six main treaties that emerged from the arms conference to the Senate the last of this week, it was said today by Senator Lodge, the majority leader, after a conference with the Executive at the White House.

The members of the American delegation are now engaged in formulating their report to the President. This report will contain the treaties themselves, and they hope to have it in the President's hands by Thursday.

The President has not yet decided whether he will transmit the documents to the Senate in person. Some friends of the President have urged him to do so, arguing that it would make the course of ratification easier if the Executive faced the treaty foes in person.

It was reiterated at the White House and by Senator Lodge that no "serious" fight is in prospect on the treaties.

SMUTS FAILS TO END JOHANNESBURG STRIKE

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The conference between Premier Jan Christian Smuts, of South Africa, and the strikers at Johannesburg has failed to end the dispute, said a Reuter dispatch from Johannesburg today.

The strike was originally called on the Rand, the great mining area in South Africa, but spread from there to the city of Johannesburg.

The trouble arose over wages and working hours.

It is estimated that the strike is costing more than \$1,000,000 a day.

MADAME CURIE TO BE MADE ACADEMY MEMBER

PARIS, Feb. 7.—As there were no opposition candidates, it was believed that Mme. Curie, co-discoverer of radium, would be unanimously elected a member of the Academy of Medicine this afternoon.

TORIES STUDY CHANCES AGAINST LLOYD GEORGE

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The Conservative (Tory) ministers are conducting a series of conferences to decide whether or not to attempt to force Premier Lloyd George's resignation by a concerted attack in the present session of parliament, the Daily Mirror stated today.

The Unionists, in the event they decide upon action, would replace the coalition government with a conservative ministry if successful.